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Biography

Ford Turrell's legal practice consists of transactional counseling for the real estate and corporate sectors. Within his real estate practice, he drafts and reviews commercial lease agreements and buy-sell agreements for multi-tenant buildings, commercial buildings or vacant land, including farmland. In addition, he drafts and reviews easement and license agreements for commercial and residential use. Ford also has experience preparing and reviewing construction and development agreements. His corporate practice involves forming new entities and counseling closely held companies through stock and asset transactions. Ford also reviews and drafts business contracts such as service and supply agreements. His pragmatic approach to writing, commenting and protecting client interests makes Ford a crucial member to the firm, while his responsive and approachable nature makes him an invaluable asset to clients. Ford's experience spans across a variety of industries:

- Agriculture
- Commercial Office and Retail Leases
- Distributors
- Manufacturing
- Oil and Gas
- Real Estate Development
- Retail
- Restaurants

Industries

- Financial Services

Practices

- Business and Corporate Services
- Real Estate
- Closely Held Businesses

- Commercial Finance Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions

Education

- Michigan State University College of Law J.D. 2012 summa cum laude
- McGregor School of Antioch University M.A. 2004 Conflict Analysis and Engagement
- Aquinas College B.A. 1998

Representative Experience

- Prepares and negotiates several large commercial lease agreements and amendments for retail, office, industrial, medical office, and mixed-use properties
- Reviewed and assisted in negotiating contract for \$26 million construction project
- Reviews and negotiates contracts related to oil and gas royalties
- Reviewed asset purchase agreement and assisted in negotiating sale of \$6 million mobile home park
- Prepared stock purchase agreement for sale of metal fabrication facility
- Reviewed, prepared, and negotiated contracts involving stock purchase for multi-location distribution company
- Prepares seller-financing documents in asset and stock sales
- Prepares loan agreements, promissory notes, mortgages and security agreements
- Prepares and reviews commercial loan documents for banks and nonprofit lenders
- Assists clients with land contract assignment issues and contract defaults
- Prepares development agreements, construction contracts and subcontracts, condominium leases and purchase agreements, and real property license agreements
- Prepares and reviews corporate entity formation documents
- Prepares and reviews supply agreements and service agreements

Honors & Awards

- Named as a Michigan Super Lawyer Rising Star, 2021
- Selected as an "Up and Coming Lawyer" for 2021 by *Michigan Lawyers Weekly*
- American Inns of Court (2011-2012)
- Jurisprudence Achievement Awards, Contracts I, Civil Procedure I, RWA I, Contracts II, Administrative Law, State & Local Government Law, Legislation
- Editor, *Michigan State Law Review*
- Recipient, Dean Charles H. King Scholarship

Publications

- Michigan Eliminates Mask Requirement for Fully Vaccinated Individuals, but Workplace Rules Remain Unchanged, 5/17/2021
- Michigan COVID-19 Update: Larger Capacities and Reduced Mask Requirements, 5/5/2021

Community Involvement

- Embody
Board of Directors
- Hospice of Michigan Foundation
Events Committee Member
- Sparta Community Education, Michigan Migrant Program
ESL Instructor (Fall 1998)
- Soliya International, International Public Policy Dialogue Project
Lead Facilitator (2001-2003)

Bar Associations

- American Bar Association
Business Law Section; Real Property Trust & Estate Law Section
- State Bar of Michigan
Member, Council of the Administrative and Regulatory Law Section (2014-17); Environmental Law Section; Administrative and Regulatory Law Section
- Grand Rapids Bar Association

Teaching and Lecturing

- Grand Rapids Bar Association, Rights, Responsibilities, and Realities civic education program in Grand Rapids area high schools
Instructor, 2013
- Lansing Community College, Lansing, MI
Adjunct Lecturer
- Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN
Adjunct Lecturer
- Nashville State Community College, Nashville, TN
Instructor
Member, Environmental Concerns Committee
- Grand Rapids Community College, Grand Rapids, MI
Adjunct Lecturer

Speaking Engagements

- "Update on PPP Loan Forgiveness," Warner Webinar, July 14, 2020
- "New Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act")," Warner Webinar, April 1, 2020

Courts

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan

Clerk Experience

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, Honorable David W. McKeague

Admitted

- 2012, Michigan